

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

April 2, 1964
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

Invocation was delivered by REVEREND LEE J. FREEMAN, University Baptist Church.

Mayor Palmer read the proclamation setting aside April 12th-18th as NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK.

DR. S. H. DRYDEN stated the Council last week voiced an opinion that it wanted a word from the Staff in regard to the Hospital Expansion Program as far as Brackenridge Hospital was concerned. The Staff of Brackenridge met last night and he was bringing the word to the Council that the Staff was in favor of Brackenridge Hospital's being expanded from the present site, realizing that there is a plant there that is worth several million dollars. It realized there were other sites discussed--the Hancock Tract and State owned land--but the Staff at the Hospital felt if there were adequate acreage that could be obtained north, south and west of the present Hospital site, that it wanted to go on record as favoring the present location. The Staff is interested in the acreage that was outlined in the Hospital Survey. Mayor Palmer said the Council did want an expression from the doctors concerning the site; that everyone was very well pleased with the report setting out the needs of the community in the health and hospital requirements for the next 20 years. The City Manager had a communication from DR. VIC EILERS stating DR. H. LAWRENCE WILSEY of the Consulting Firm will come to Austin and confer with the City Council and the Hospital Boards at the various hospitals at no expense to the City or Boards about the details of each of their hospital problems. The City Manager had suggested that he come the week of April 20th and the Mayor asked that Dr. Wilsey be advised this week would be acceptable. He thanked Dr. Dryden for all the help he had given on this survey.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of March 19, 1964, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 34.26 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE SANTIAGO DEL VALLE GRANT, IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.
(Greenbriar, Section 1)

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman LaRue moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The Council had before it the ordinances authorizing the execution of the following refund contracts:

- a. CARRINGTON'S UNIVERSITY - For the installation of water and sewer mains in University Hills, Auburn Circle (\$22,488.85)
- b. SOUTHERN OAKS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY - For installation of water and sewer mains in SHERWOOD OAKS, SECTION 6. (\$15,697.59)

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH CARRINGTON'S UNIVERSITY HILLS FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF MONEY PAID TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN UNDER SUCH CONTRACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Long.

Before the roll was called MR. VOLMA OVERTON, President, National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, stated he wanted to speak against the use of funds in this area; that he would like to see this

held up because this would be using taxpayers' funds in an area that is not integrated and all the citizens in Austin are not allowed to build in this area. He said he would like to read briefly from a passage, and he began reading from the book "Black Like Me", interspersing the reading with comments about the refund contract.

At 10:30 A.M. Mayor Palmer opened the hearing on the ordinance annexing portion of BURLESON ROAD HEIGHTS, Mr. Overton simultaneously continuing to read. Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its first reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 10.94 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING A PORTION OF BURLESON ROAD HEIGHTS, IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE. (Burleson Road Heights)

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

MR. OVERTON continued reading, and would not yield the floor.

Councilman Long moved that the Council recess until 3:30 P.M. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

RECESSED MEETING

3:30 P.M.

At 3:30 P.M. the Council came back into its meeting.

MR. VOLMA OVERTON continued reading from the book "Black Like Me".

MR. CLAUDE ALLEN, Professor at Huston Tillotson College and representing the N.A.A.C.P. spoke at length. Members of the Council made inquiries of Mr. Allen, but he replied he was instructed not to answer questions, and continued speaking about the negroes and the white people, civil rights, various types of violence, people being deprived of schooling, equal opportunities, equal

treatment under the law, of hope; 12% living in ghettos and promising a long hot summer, where they could not predict what was going to happen in the rest of the country, or where the next Jacksonville, Florida would occur. Mayor Palmer stated the Council had listened for eight and one half hours, and he assured Mr. Overton and Mr. Allen that had the Council not been concerned about their problem, it would not have sat and listened for this length of time. He expressed concern also about transacting business for 200,000 people. Mr. Allen continued speaking. The Council recessed for dinner.

RECESSED MEETING

7:30 P.M.

At 7:30 P.M. the Council resumed its meeting. Mr. Allen continued talking until 12:30 A.M., when the Council recessed until 8:00 A.M., Friday, April 3, 1964.